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FILTERING

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

Claims 1-36 are pending in the present application. Claims 27-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, and 11-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2003/0140330 (Tanaka). Claims 3, 4, 9, and 10 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 13 and 27 are amended herein.